



# Overview of British Columbia's Medications Return Program

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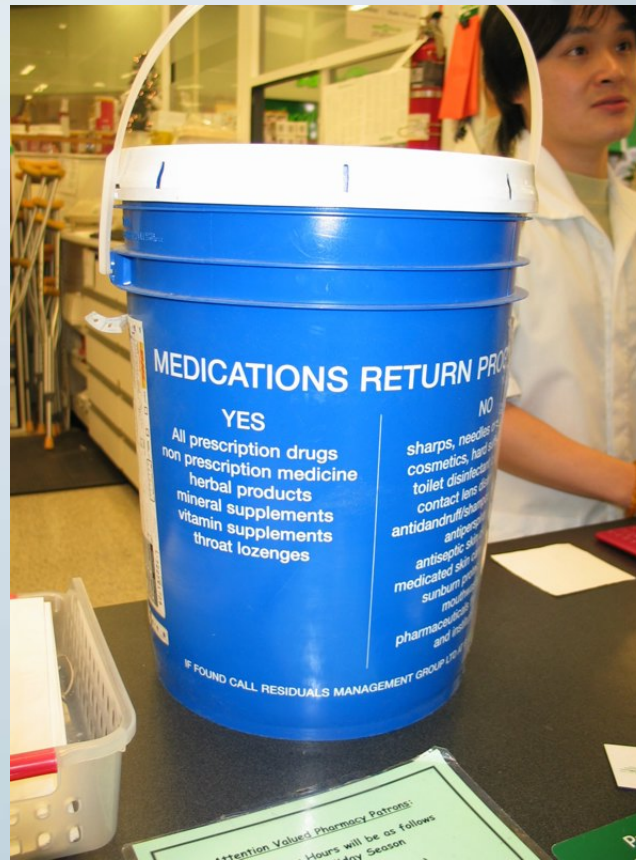
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# Ongoing, provincial, industry-financed program: **British Columbia**

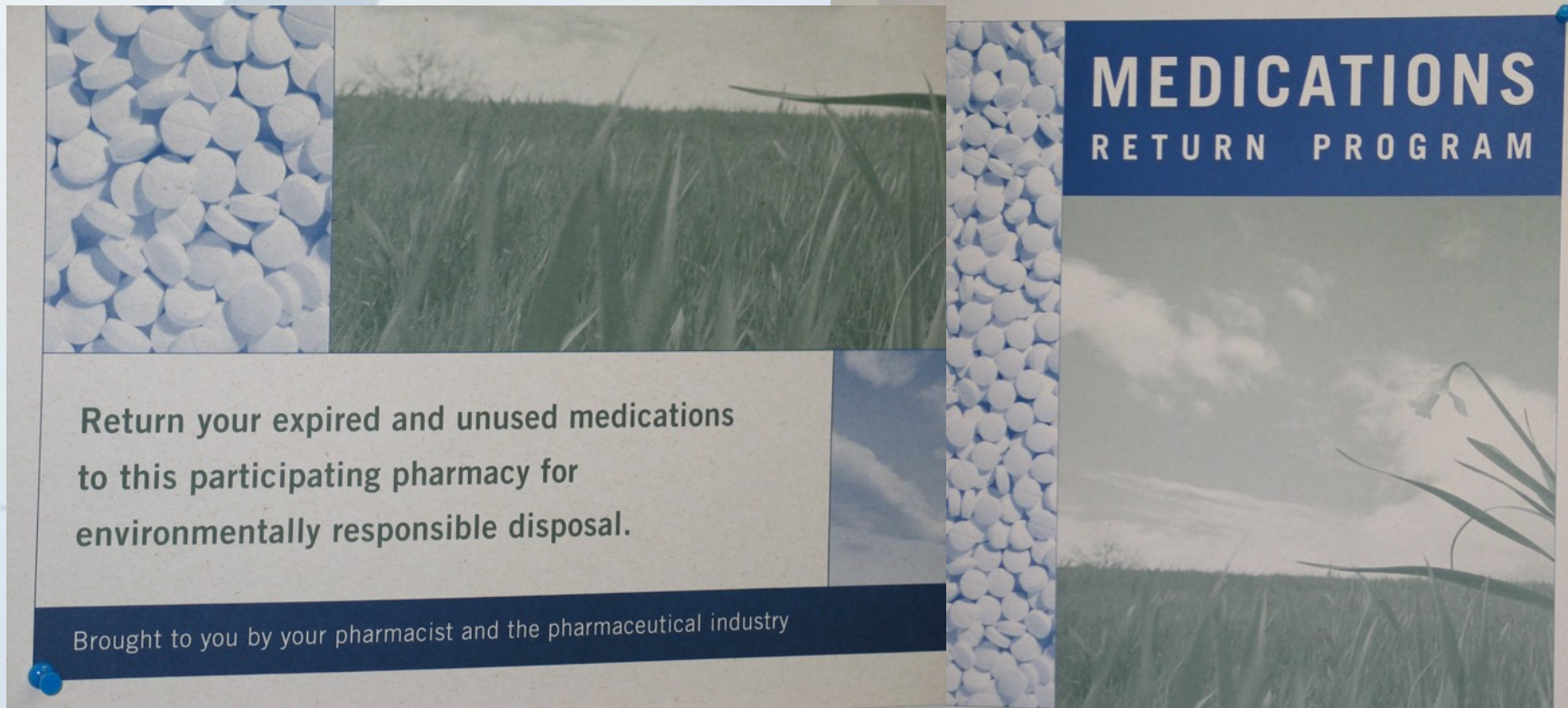
- Ongoing, permanent program since 1996
- Administrated by the Residuals Management Group Ltd., with funding by the Post Consumer Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association (industry association)
- User friendliness for pharmacy is key to their participation
  - Pick-up schedule easy and on-demand
  - Tracking through shipping labels
  - 90% participation rate from pharmacies
- Urban and rural pharmacies are participating
- Container is very inexpensive and practical
- Collected **52,800 lbs in 2004**
- Total cost is US **\$170,500** per year
- Serves 4 million people



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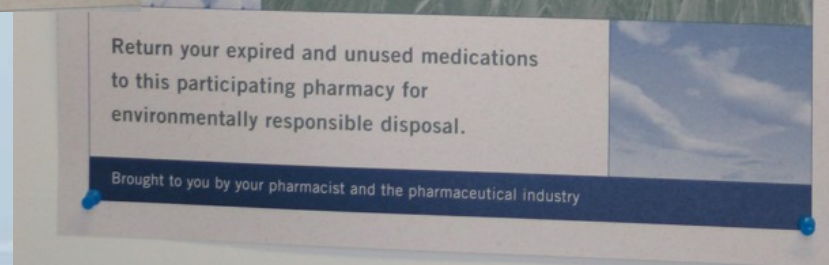


A flyer for the Medications Return Program. The top right corner features a dark blue banner with the text "MEDICATIONS RETURN PROGRAM" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The background is a collage of images: a close-up of white, round pills on the left, a field of tall green grass in the center, and a blue sky with white clouds on the right. A dark blue banner at the bottom contains the text "Brought to you by your pharmacist and the pharmaceutical industry" in white. The flyer is pinned to a light blue background with two blue pushpins.

**MEDICATIONS  
RETURN PROGRAM**

Return your expired and unused medications  
to this participating pharmacy for  
environmentally responsible disposal.

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A smaller version of the Medications Return Program flyer, showing the bottom portion of the text and the dark blue banner at the bottom. The text is white on a dark blue background. The flyer is pinned to a light blue background with two blue pushpins.

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The Medications Return Program enables the safe disposal of expired and used medicines. To learn more, [click here](#).

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To learn more about how you can participate in the Medications Return Program [click here](#).

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*what can I return?*

You may dispose of your old medications in an environmentally friendly manner including:

- All prescription drugs
- All nonprescription medicines
- Herbal products
- Mineral supplements
- Vitamin supplements
- Throat lozenges

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*how can I join?*

To learn more about how you can join the PCPSA and make a positive difference for our environment, [click here](#).

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*where can I return?*

You may return your unused medications to a participating pharmacy or a designated depot. View the [program in place for your province](#) for more information.

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Currently PCPSA has approximately 100 members who are brand-owners of prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs and natural health products fulfilling their obligations toward the costs of the Medications Return Program. For a complete list [click here](#).

### Bulletins

The *Medications Return Program* is an e-bulletin published by PCPSA on a quarterly basis to help keep brand-owners informed with respect to recent developments. All members in good standing can subscribe to receive this bulletin. To subscribe to the e-bulletin and receive a copy via email, complete the following form.

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Did you know...

856 pharmacies in British Columbia participate in the program

## Participating Brand-Owners

### Company

Abbott Laboratories Limited  
3m Pharmaceuticals  
Abraxis BioScience  
Actelion Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc.  
Alcon Canada  
ALTANA Pharma Inc.  
Amgen Canada Inc.  
Apotex Inc.  
Ashbury Biologicals Inc.  
Astellas Pharma  
AstraZeneca Canada Inc.  
Avon Canada Inc.  
Axcan Pharma Inc.  
Bayer Inc.  
Baxter Canada  
Berlex Canada Inc.  
Biovail Pharmaceuticals  
Blixtex Corporation  
Boehringer Ingelheim Canada Ltd.  
Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Group  
Chattem (Canada) Inc.  
Church & Dwight Canada  
Cobalt Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
Combe Incorporated  
Contract Pharmaceuticals Limited Canada  
Crombie Kennedy Nasmark Inc.  
CV Technologies Inc.  
CTBR Bio-Research Inc.  
E-Z-EM Canada Inc.  
Eli Lilly Canada Inc.  
Ferring Inc.  
Galderma Ltd  
Génome Canada  
GenPharm Inc.  
GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare  
GlaxoSmithKline Inc.  
Hemosol Inc.  
Herbalife of Canada

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Hudson's Bay Company  
Innovus Research Inc.  
Jamieson Laboratories Ltd.  
Janssen-Ortho Inc.  
Katz Group Canada Ltd  
King Pharma  
Laboratoire RIVA Inc.  
Laboratories Aeterna Inc.  
Lander Co. Canada Ltd  
Leo Pharma Inc.  
Loblaw Companies Ltd  
London Drugs Limited  
Lorus Therapeutics Inc.  
Lundbeck Canada Inc.  
Maynepharma  
McNeil Consumer Healthcare  
MDS Inc.  
Mead Johnson Nutritionals  
Mentholatum Co. of Canada Ltd.  
Merck Frosst Canada & Co.  
Naturally Nova Scotia Health  
Nature's Sunshine Products  
Neurochem Inc.  
Novartis Consumer Health Canada Inc.  
Novartis Pharma Canada Inc.  
Novo Nordisk Canada Inc  
Novopharm Ltd. / Teva Neuroscience  
Nu-Pharm Inc  
Nucro-Technics Incorporated  
Odan Laboratories  
Organon Canada Ltd.  
Paladin Labs Inc.  
Patheon Inc.  
Peoples Drug Mart  
Pfizer Canada Inc  
Pfizer Consumer Healthcare  
Pharmascience Inc.  
Platinum Naturals  
Procter & Gamble Inc.

Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc  
Purdue Pharma  
Quixtar Canada Corporation  
Ratiopharm  
Rivex Pharma Inc.  
Roche Consumer Health  
Ropack Inc.  
Sabex Inc.  
Sanofi-Aventis Canada Inc.  
Sandoz Canada  
Schering Canada Inc.  
Servier Canada Inc.  
SFBC New Drug Services Canada  
SGS Life Sciences Services  
Shaklee Canada Inc.  
Shire BioChem Inc.  
Shoppers Drug Mart, Pharmaprix  
Solvay Pharma Inc.  
Stiefel Canada Inc.  
Swiss Herbal Remedies Ltd.  
SYN-X Pharma Inc.  
Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
Theramed Corporation  
Theratechnologies Inc.  
Trophic Canada  
Tm Bioscience Corporation  
UniPHARM Wholesale Drugs  
USANA Canada Co.  
Valeant  
Ventana Clinical Research Corporation  
Vita Health Products Inc.  
Wal-Mart Pharmacy  
Wellspring Pharmaceuticals  
WN Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Wyeth Consumer Healthcare Inc.  
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